



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 1670 **Sikes Act Amendments Act of 2011**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on May 25, 2011

H.R. 1670 would authorize the Department of Defense (DoD) to develop and implement integrated natural resources management plans (INRMPs) for state-owned National Guard installations. Such plans currently guide efforts to protect endangered species, manage forests and rangeland, control invasive species, operate recreational hunting and fishing programs, and direct other environmental management programs at federally owned facilities. The bill would permit federal appropriations to be used at state-owned sites, and also would allow National Guard installations to use those plans to protect endangered species, in lieu of having such sites designated as critical habitat by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

DoD spends almost \$200 million annually to develop and implement INRMPs for 29 million acres of federally owned or controlled land on military installations. Based on information from DoD, CBO estimates that an additional 450,000 acres of state-owned land at National Guard bases would become eligible to receive funding for INRMPs under H.R. 1670. Based on the department's current spending for INRMPs for federal land, CBO estimates that developing and implementing those plans would increase spending by about \$9 million over the 2012-2016 period, assuming the availability of appropriated funds. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 1670 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 050 (national defense).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					2012- 2016
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
Estimated Authorization Level	2	2	2	2	2	10
Estimated Outlays	1	2	2	2	2	9

H.R. 1670 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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